LIZA DEBIES Associate Principal

Liza has more than 10 years of experience in managing and preparing CEQA and NEPA documents, including EIRs, IS/MNDs, Addenda, EAs, and Categorical Exemptions and Categorical Exclusions. With a focus on Northern California, she has completed CEQA and/or NEPA documentation for residential, long range plans, public infrastructure, materials recovery facilities, mixed-use developments, commercial, retail, transportation, industrial, recreational, and institutional projects. With a deep understanding of the environmental review process, she has expertise in aesthetics, land use and planning and compatibility, transportation and circulation, utilities and services systems, and alternatives analysis. Her attention to detail and organizational skills help her communicate effectively and find solutions to challenging problems.

HIGHLIGHTS OF EXPERIENCE

- Dos Rios Park Classification and General Plan CEQA | California State Parks
- Delta Meadows Classification and General Plan CEQA | California State Parks
- El Cerrito Safety Element Update CEQA | El Cerrito CA
- Benicia Rose Estates Subdivision EIR | Benicia CA
- Costco Cold Storage EIR | Tracy CA
- San Mateo County Multi-Jurisdictional Safety Element Update CEQA | San Mateo County CA

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Palos Verdes Estates 2021-2029 Housing Element Program 13 Rezoning Project IS/MND | Palos Verdes Estates CA
- 171 Ronan Apartments Project Categorical Exemption | Gilroy CA
- Pritchard Park Improvement Project Environmental Assessment | Bell CA
- In-N-Out Burger Project Environmental Documentation | Bell CA
- Walnut Creek-Mixed Use Special District Program EIR | Walnut Creek CA
- 2023-2031 (6th Cycle) Housing Element Update Program EIR | Pleasanton CA
- Solid Waste and Recycling Transfer Station Replacement Project EIR | Berkeley CA
- Oak Park Properties Specific Plan EIR | Pleasant Hill CA
- Del Hombre Apartments Project EIR | Contra Costa County CA
- 2305 Webster Street Project Environmental Checklist | Oakland CA
- Baumgardner Ranch Development Project IS/MND | Cloverdale CA
- Alexander Valley Wellness Center IS/MND | Cloverdale CA
- San Ramon Retail Analysis CEQA | San Ramon CA



EDUCATION

• BA, Environmental Studies, Pitzer College

AFFILIATIONS

- Association of Environmental Professionals
- San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association

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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

• PFAS: How to Navigate this 21st Century Challenge, 2023, AEP State Conference, Tahoe

LEADERSHIP

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• Walk Oakland Bike Oakland, Board Member, 2016-2021